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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, £1,000,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS. Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.

Deputy Chairman—A. MOLLER, Esq. H. C. FORBES, Esq. H. R. BRILLIANT, Esq. H. L. NICHOLLS, Esq.

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## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTON DISCOUNT BANK OF PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BRUGES, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BORNEO, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, SHANGHAI, NANTZ, AMOY, POONCHOW, SINGAPORE.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS. At 3 months' notice 5 per annum. At 6 months' notice 5 1/2 per annum. At 12 months' notice 6 per annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Peking.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. CHAN TSING KI has been admitted PARTNER in our Firm from the 6th August, 1880.

TAI FUNG SHUN HONG, 71, Bonham Street West.

Hongkong, January 12, 1881. ja26

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. CHAN HING in our Firm CEASED from the 5th August, 1880.

TAI FUNG SHUN HONG, 71, Bonham Street West.

Hongkong, January 12, 1881. ja26

### NOTICE.

THE Firms of LINSTEAD & Co. and DAVIS & Co. are this day Amalgamated, and the Undermentioned have entered into Co-partnership under the Style of LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

T. G. LINSTEAD, H. W. DAVIS.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881. fe3

### NOTICE.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SEEBES has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALL has been authorized to SIGN the Firm for Prosecution.

SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1881. ap3

### NOTICE.

MR. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS and MR. PHILIPP HERNHARDT SOHLMACKER have this day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton, Hongkong, and Shanghai, January 1, 1881. fe3

### NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has RETIRED from our Firm, and his Interest and Responsibility have CEASED. The Business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining Partners, viz.—Messrs. PHILIPPS RYER, EDWARD CAREY SMITH, and ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW.

TURNER & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Undersigned have this day commenced Business at Hongkong as COAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.

AH YON & Co., 105, Praya Central.

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1881.

## For Sale.

JOHN NOBLE, 8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

HAS JUST RECEIVED A Very Fine SELECTION of GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in the Latest and most Fashionable Designs, including many NOVELTIES in DIAMOND BRACELETS, PENDANTS, BROOCHES, EAR-RINGS, and GEM RINGS.

Also, A Large and Well Selected STOCK of MORRAN'S GOLD and SILVER PEN and PENCIL CASES, comprising the Latest Patented Patterns.

Hongkong, December 11, 1880.

### FOR SALE.

PRIME GENEVA in Stone Jars; MARTELL'S COGNAC, at 85.50 per Dozen; WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS and KUMMER, GOOD NAVY COGNAC (in retail at 20 cents per lb.); SALON RIFLES and CARTRIDGES, GOOD REVOLVERS, RE-LOADING CAPS, SHOT and CARTRIDGE CASES in Sizes, &c., &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 54, Praya Central.

Hongkong, January 10, 1881. fe10

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMME & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, at \$14 per 1 doz. Case. Pils, at \$11 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

### WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASSERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## To Let.

THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31, WELLINGTON STREET.

ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 46, PRINCE STREET, below CHINESE BAZAR; possession from 1st February next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1880.

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## For Sale.

### KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED The New Tinted IRISH LINEN NOTE PAPER in the following Tints: PRINCE, AMETYST, TURQUOISE, ROSE, TERRY, &c.

Royal Ulster Linen NOTE PAPER and EXTELOPES.

Half-Morocco ALBUMS for unmounted Photographs.

Sweet Capote CIGARETTES. Ross's "The Marchioness or the Reigning Dynasties of China."

Edkins's "Chinese Buddhism." Guineas's "Story of Fishes."

Church's "Stories from Herodotus." "Chinshingura, a Japanese Romance," beautifully illustrated.

Henderson's "Life of an Angler." "Rice and Beans," cheap ed.

Crawford's "Portugal, Old and New." Wallace's "Island Life." "Life Chords," beautifully illustrated.

Hongkong, January 15, 1881.

Wilson's "Handbook of Hygiene." MANFOLD WRITERS.

LETT'S DIARIES, 1881.

Reed's "Japan," beautifully illustrated. Miss Bird's "Japan," beautifully illustrated.

McGrath's "Pictures from Ireland." Dabiel's "British Dogs."

Truvelyan's "History of Charles James Fox."

Ainsley's "Guide to Marine Board Examinations," new edition, 1880.

Handsome Bound PRESENTATION BOOKS, in Russian, Calf and Morocco Leathers.

New MENU and NAME CARDS.

BEZQUE SETS and SCRAP BOOKS. CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES, &c. Chambers' "Encyclopaedia," new edition, 1880.

Smith's "Manual for Medical Officers of Health."

Gamgee's "Physiological Chemistry of Animal Body."

## Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES—1881.

OWING to the ALTERATION made in the Day of Departure of the OVERLAND MAILS, the RACE MEETING of 1881 will be held on TUESDAY 22nd, WEDNESDAY 23rd, and THURSDAY 24th of February next, instead of the days previously notified.

A. COXON, For Clerk of Course.

Hongkong, January 20, 1881. ja27

WANTED, Employment by the ADVERTISER. Has had several years experience in Book-keeping and Accounts.

Address: "VENUS," China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 20, 1881. fe20

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the ORIGINAL SCIP CERTIFICATE No. 1937 for SHARES numbered 420, 421, and 1232 in the above Company, standing in the name of FRANK CAVE-THOMAS, having been LOST, the said Original Scrip Certificate has been CANCELLED, and a Duplicate thereof issued to the Holder of the said Shares. No transaction-taking place under authority of the said Original Scrip Certificate No. 1937 will hereafter be recognized by the Undersigned.

By Order, J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1881. fe6

HOTEL DE MACAO.

THE above-named HOTEL having been thoroughly REFURNISHED is now OPEN to the Public.

Visitors to MACAO will find this Establishment replete with every comfort and convenience.

A. DA SILVA TELLES, Proprietor.

Macao, 15th January, 1881. ja15

PARTNER WANTED. An enterprising PARTNER, with a Capital of \$1,000 or \$2,000, to go into a well-established BUSINESS which is still increasing.

Address "M," Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, January 10, 1881.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned, and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at his Rooms, the first-floor of the premises occupied by the National Bank of India.

Hongkong, December 7, 1880.

Mr. Andrew Wind, News Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK; is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

INSURANCES.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1880. ja28

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, £1,000,000.00. CAPITAL PAID-UP, £300,000.00.

RESERVE FUND, £420,000.00. BALANCE UNDIVIDED, £70,278.43.

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS, 10% per annum.

DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS, 25% on the amount of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHAREHOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

## To Let.

FIRST FLOOR and GROUND FLOOR of House No. 4, Praya East (known as the BLUE HOUSES); Possession on the 1st of October.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

ON MARINE LOT NO. 63, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-ninth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 28th January instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1881. ja28

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1881. ja31

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1881. ja31

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th January instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1881. ja28

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st day of January, 1881, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1881. ja31

THE "F. A. R. E. A. S. T."

THE PRIMER of 1879, WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

CARD.

MR. A. HAHN'S DANCING CLASSES have been Re-opened on the 1st of October.

Fletcher's Building, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS, &c.

PIROMORBI'S EXPLOSIVES CO., Limited, Glasgow, can be had in any Quantity on application to THE BORNEO CO., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1880. star8

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers, will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "SUMIDA MARU," FROM KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after TUESDAY, the 18th instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co., 50a, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja24

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lord of the Isles, Capt. FELZARS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 19, 1881.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANFOO.



## To-day's Advertisements.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW





The Rev. John Ross, the author of a "History of Corea," is making a name for himself in the literary world. We have now received his new work, just published by Messrs J. & R. Parlane, of Paisley, and titled "The Manchus, or the Reigning Dynasty of China: their Rise and Progress." This valuable work, which takes the shape of an admirably printed octavo volume of 760 pages, is intended as a sequel to the author's History of Corea, and is put forward by Mr. Ross as a picture of the Chinese of to-day. He thus explains this in his preface:

The active motives of three centuries ago are the potent motives of to-day; and the phases of Chinese appearance in this history are exactly similar to those seen in the existing state of Chinese society. The main value of this work is therefore that it represents what does now actually exist; and gives us in the West an opportunity of judging contemporary China, their actual character, and their possible conduct. To one who knows the past history of China, her present resources, the intelligence of her people and their intense patriotism, the natural bravery of her soldiers when well led, and the mental activity of her rulers, the future of this country cannot but be matter of deep interest and solicitude. The ignorant may laugh at and treat her with contempt; but there is a day not very remote when China, by continuing free from serious internal convulsions, will astonish many. From her native, assume an attitude of suspicion and defiance towards Russia; and she has long smarted under the humiliation of taxes levied on opium at the dictation, and under the compulsion of the British Government. The Chinese will not always tamely submit to that degradation. If we persist in our opinion policy, we shall have to pay for it.

The extension of Christian teaching to this great Empire is of course the main object of the writer, and he believes he will materially hasten that consummation by enlightening the Home people on the history of this people. A few rough maps, or hand outlines, are given to aid the reader; and a table of contents, meant, we suppose, to take the place of an index, is also given. An index, however, would have been most acceptable. These small matters are important in all works where reference ought to be provided for; and it is to valuable books like the present that this remark more directly applies. About three-fourths of the volume are taken up with the history of the rise and progress of the Manchu Dynasty; and the other portions treat of the Imperial Family, Officials, the Army, Taxation, and Slavery. The last chapter will at present possess special interest, as the author has evidently carefully studied the law on this subject. We shall look up this readable and valuable book again, and cannot but congratulate Mr. Ross upon his industry and his result.

The following steamers were by the last arrivals advertised to leave England, for China about the probable dates here given:

His Highness, the Duke of Genoa, in the *Yokohama*, is expected at Shanghai for Yokohama about this time. His stay there will extend over a fortnight, after which the Prince will proceed onwards, as the *Yokohama*'s commission is nearly expired.

We have been requested to state that, owing to defects now being carried on in the Union Church, the usual morning service will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall buildings, at 11 o'clock next Sunday forenoon. There will be no service in the evening on that day.

The Rev. Noah A. McDonald, who was nominated for the office of U. S. Vice Consul at Bangkok by General Hallerman has been confirmed by the Secretary of State. The position of Vice Consul is simply one of honor by American law and no compensation is provided for, except when the Consul is "temporarily absent or relieved from duty." When the Consul is present at his post the Vice-Consul has no powers or functions whatever. —*San Francisco Advertiser.*

Hindor & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8th January.

Arrivals During the Week.—Dec. 31, (Glenloch, from Shanghai; Jan. 1, Olympia, from Shanghai; 2, Nemo, from Hongkong; 3, Hae An, from Shanghai; 4, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 5, Nemo, from Hongkong; 6, Magpie, from Hongkong; 7, Sin Nang, from Shanghai; 8, Richmond, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—Dec. 31, Magpie, for Hongkong; Jan. 1, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 2, Sin Nang, for Shanghai; 3, Hae An, for New York; 4, Glenloch, for London; 5, Nemo, for Hongkong; 6, Olympia, for London; 7, Hae An, for Shanghai; 8, Kwang Tung, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—Nemo, Magpie, Sin Nang, Richmond.

Hindor & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 15th January.

Arrivals During the Week.—Jan. 9, Fei Ho, from Amoy; 12, Lin, from Hongkong; 13, Hae An, from Shanghai; 13, Olympia, from Hongkong; 13, Peking, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—Jan. 9, Nemo, for London; 11, Sin Nang, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—Magpie, Richmond, Fei Ho, Lin, Hae An, Olympia, Peking.

Residence of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Jan. 16.

Day	Chinese	English
Mon. Jan. 10th	closed	closed
Tue. " 11th	do	do
Wed. " 12th	do	do
Thur. " 13th	27	435
Fri. " 14th	33	411
Sat. " 15th	28	182
Sun. " 16th	28	818
Grand Total	200	210

(L. & C. Express, Dec. 10.)

The iron ship *Cape Sable*, of Greenock, 1,415 tons, has been given up as lost. She went round to Sunderland in May last, and loaded a cargo of coal for Singapore. She left on the 7th June, and was spoken on the 13th off the south coast, but has never since been heard of. She was commanded by Captain Wain, a native of Berwick, and had a crew numbering twenty-eight men. The owners of the vessel are Messrs Abram Lytle and Sons, Greenock. She is valued at £20,000 and the cargo and freight at about £3,000.

The *James*, an iron screw-steamer, 155 feet by 23 ft. 12 in., has been launched by Messrs Murdoch and Murray, Port Glasgow. This vessel has been built for the Marquis de Campo, and intended for the Manila trade, as a feeder for the line of Spanish mail steamers. This steamer will be fitted up in an excellent style for about twenty first-class passengers, and is intended to carry 480 tons dead weight.

The *See-oo*, an iron screw-steamer, has been launched from the shipbuilding-yard of Messrs John Duthie, Sons, and Co., Aberdeen. The vessel has been built to the order of Messrs Matheson and Co., and will be employed in the Chinese coasting trade. Her dimensions are—length 262 feet, breadth 31 feet, total depth 26 feet, and she has a gross tonnage of 1,408 tons, with a carrying capacity of 2,000 tons, and will be fitted up with engines of 135-horse power. The *See-oo*, an iron screw-steamer of 1,900 tons burden, also for the China coasting trade, has been launched by Messrs Ramsay and Ferguson, of Leith. This vessel has been built to the order of the Wylafin Steamship Company, Limited, of which Messrs Hurdley, Berner, and Co., West Hartlepool, are the managing owners. The shipwrecked - Mariners' Society's, framed testimonials, in recognition of gallant and humane exertions to save life at sea, have been unanimously voted to Lieutenant John T. Bragg, R.N.R., master of the steamship *Antares*, for having rescued the 953 pilgrims abandoned on board the *Yeddo*, off Cape Guardafui, in August last.

A large Russian frigate, *The Duke of Edinburgh*, arrived at Kiel on the 15th inst. for "her" stay. The vessel is under command of Capt. Novosilsky, carries 10 guns of very heavy calibre, and is to leave on the 12th inst. for the Far East. Her crew consists of 400 men in all. The Admiralty has lately published the list of German men-of-war, which shows that the German navy at present is in definitive possession of the following vessels:—7 ironclad frigates; 6 ironclad corvettes, 11 covered corvettes, 5 plain deck corvettes, 2 gun boats, 7 gunboats of first class, 10 gunboats of second class, 2 dispatch boats, 2 transports, 10 training ships, and 9 steam vessels for harbour service, besides 1 ironclad vessel, 1 barack ship, and 8 pilot vessels; in all, 93 vessels. Under construction there are, besides the above, 4 plain deck corvettes, 1 ironclad gunboat, and several small vessels. From the above it appears that the navy in fact shows 3 vessels less than existed a year since. The original plan for the foundation of the German navy has not been followed, as by the year 1881, was intended to have as many as 23 ironclads of different dimensions.

THE GERMAN LIEBETAFEL IN THE CITY HALL.

The concert announced to be given by the members and friends of the German Liebetafel in aid of the City Hall funds took place last night in St. Andrew's Hall. There was a fairly large attendance, all things considered, and those who attended were well repaid for their presence. In addition to the attractive pieces set down to be sung by the Liebetafel, there was the additional attraction of the first appearance of Mr. E. Rennell, of Canton, since his visit to England and Germany. The following is the programme:

PART I.

1. JAGERS LUST—CHORUS.—C. F. Astholz.

2. PIANOFORTE SOLO—Mr. E. RENNELL.

3. ROMANZ—A. Schumann.

4. SERENADE—CHORUS.—Carl W. Uhlen.

5. BASO SOLO—Mr. R. STEIL.

6. ARIAS FROM "Die Zauberflote"—Mozart.

7. PIANOFORTE DUET—Mr. E. RENNELL and Dr. CLOUTH.

Tarantella.—J. Sch. Raff.

PART II.

1. STANDREY—CHORUS.—Mozart.

2. PIANOFORTE SOLO—Mr. E. RENNELL.

3. STUDY.—A. Jensen.

4. DEB BARY—Old French (Mozart).

5. ART. FOR CHORUS by—J. S. Sicker.

6. PIANOFORTE QUARTETTE.

Messrs E. RENNELL & R. SCHÖNBRODER.

Dr. CLOUTH and Mr. A. WASSERBIL.

First and last Movement.

from the "Soprano." Beethoven.

5. SCHLAFER'S SONNTAGS—CHORUS.

C. Kreutzer.

Without particularising the efforts of the Liebetafel, it may be at once freely admitted that the choruses were all excellent and exceedingly well sung. Dr. Clouth, the enthusiastic and able leader, evidently had the choruses under thorough control, and the result was that they produced a fine volume of sound, admirably regulated, as to time as well as the matter of light and shade. This latter excellence, it may be remarked, is a distinguishing feature of the Liebetafel, and it may be added, of the pieces generally selected. The quality and power of the bass voices were specially prominent; and when we presume to draw a comparison between these and the tenor voices that may seem unfavourable, we merely touch on what may be admitted to be the weak point of all chorale bodies in which female voices have no place. That is to say, a down leading soprano to be trained with the Liebetafel, the result would be something approaching very near to perfection. In the choruses, however, where power and volume were more in request than delicacy of tone, the effect was really marvellous and highly creditable to the members and to the conductor. It ought to be mentioned that the choruses were sung without accompaniment—a thing which is not quite so easy as it may seem to be. Of the instrumental part of the programme, the names above given are sufficient guarantee of its excellence. In the solo part apart from Mr. E. Rennell, Schumann's splendid music was rendered in a style to equal which one must go to the Continent of Europe. To those who have previously heard the "Canton Maestro," it may seem strangely to say that he was a very marked improvement on the recently-acquired European performances; but it can be now said with strict truth that he is more unrivalled than ever among amateur pianists. His excellent execution and wonderful attention to light and shade, which before had sufficiently attracted the attention of all lovers of music, have been as it were intensified; and although the modest amateur will be the first to take exception to the remark, it is fully apparent that Mr. Rennell has reached perfection as nearly as any one can who cultivates the art as a pastime and not as a profession. We may add that the pieces were judiciously chosen throughout, and were highly appreciated. This observation applies to the pianoforte duet and quartette, in one or other of which the accomplished amateurs whose names are given above took part. Where all was so good it was difficult to give special mention; but the only encore given was the *Ständchen* (Gensel) and Schönbroder (Schumann) played by Mr. Rennell, when that gentleman in response treated the delighted audience to a beautiful Minuet by Scharenwack, a new Polish composer. In the Baso Solo (Aria from the *Zauberflote*), Mr. R. Steil was assisted by an accompaniment of two pianos and the Chorus; and as he sang the grand air "Oh Isis, Oh Osiris," his fine, rich voice told most effectively, especially in the lower ranges. The singer showed perhaps a little nervousness and uncertainty at the outset, but the apogee of the talented accompaniment inspired confidence as the song proceeded, and the singer finished up in a most effective manner, and was heartily applauded. The Concert was a great success, and it is only to be regretted that the hall was not so full, as it ought to have been. In concluding this notice, it may not be out of place to call attention to the praiseworthy feelings shown by our German fellow-residents towards the City Hall. They have done much for the institution outside of their special efforts in common with the other sections of the community; but their frequent endeavours for the benefit of the City Hall are deserving of the most laudatory mention, the more so because they prove the general feeling of accord which exists with the community in all matters concerning this useful building.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

MEETINGS THIS AFTERNOON.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, this afternoon, for the purpose of confirming the special resolutions proposed and passed at the last meeting of the shareholders, held on the 31st day of December last. These resolutions were as follows:—

"That this Company do purchase from the Cosmopolitan Dock Company Limited, the leasehold property, premises, buildings, tools, plant, engines, machinery, and tools, together with all the fixtures and fittings, of the said Company, for the price or sum of \$400,000 Hongkong currency, and that this Company do purchase the steam launch, and stock-in-trade of the said Cosmopolitan Dock Company at such price or sum as shall be determined by the Directors of this Company, to be appointed by Messrs Russell and Company for the said Cosmopolitan Dock Company, who shall in the event of any disagreement appoint an Umpire who shall determine the matter in dispute; and also that the Company do take and carry on the said premises at Tai Kok Tsui."

"And that the said purchase money be paid by this Company to the said Cosmopolitan Dock Company Limited for the said Dock, premises, stock-in-trade, chattels and effects to be raised, partly by the issue of two shares of \$100 each, and partly by the issue of twenty-five dollars each at such rate as the Directors may agree upon, but at not less than ten per cent. premium, to which the present shareholders of this Company shall have the preference, and partly by raising a loan of \$100,000, and fifty shares of \$100 each, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum."

The Hon. W. Keswick presided, and there were also present Messrs Haswell, A. McIver, A. T. Manger, H. Hopkins, and A. Andri (Director), Hon. P. Kyrie, and Mr. H. Smith. The Chairman then read the report of the directors, and the report was adopted. The Chairman then read the report of the directors, and the report was adopted. The Chairman then read the report of the directors, and the report was adopted.

Immediately after the above meeting was concluded, another extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held for the purpose of passing a special resolution to authorize the Board of Directors to increase the capital of the said Company by the issue of 2,000 Shares of \$125 each, at not less than ten per cent. premium, in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Articles of Association of the said Company.

The Chairman said, "It has been found necessary in order to carry out these changes that the articles of association should be altered, and after the resolution, which I shall just now read to you, the articles will be altered, and the changes, by which Article 15 will be expunged and new one proposed as a substitute. In the meantime it is necessary that we proceed in the order in which the notices have been given. I propose—

"That this Board be, and they are hereby, empowered to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of 2,000 new shares of \$125 each."

Mr. Newton seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

There was no other business before this meeting.

The above business being disposed of, another extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held for the purpose of passing a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association by striking out Article No. 18, and substituting in lieu thereof an Article providing for the sub-division of the existing shares of \$500 each of the said Company.

The Chairman said: "Article No. 18, which reference is made to this effect:—'No share shall be subdivided.' The special resolution which I have to propose is to alter that. The resolution is as follows:—

"That clause No. 18 be struck out and expunged from the articles of association of this Company and to be substituted therefor the following clause:—'The shares of the Company shall be subdivided into shares of \$500 each of the said Company.'"

Mr. Newton seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

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CRICKET.

A cricket match was played on the Cricket Ground on Thursday, the 20th instant, between the Eleven of H. M. S. *Victor Emanuel* and H. M. S. *Curacoa*, resulting in a victory by *Victor Emanuel* by the Home team. For the *Victor Emanuel* the Home team played a fine innings of 84 not out in the first innings, and 13 not out in the second innings, while Messrs Alltimes, Thomas and Hill also succeeded in getting double figures. On the part of the visitors, Moffett obtained the highest score in both innings, viz.: 13 and 30. Lieut. Braithwaite also obtained double figures in the first innings. In the second innings Mr. Rees played very well for 24. Messrs Penny, McDonald, and Fraser also made an obstinate attempt to retrieve the fortunes of their side. Mr. Rees longstoppered remarkably well and did not allow his adversaries to obtain a single bye, during the time he was behind the wicket. The following is the full score:—

H. M. S. "VICTOR EMANUEL."

First Innings.

Mr. Wilson, n.b., b. Moffett, 9

Ship's Opl. Hawkins, n.b., b. Moffett, 2

Lieut. Newington, not out, 84

Opl. Unon, n.b., b. Moffett, 0

Pte. Bain, n.b., b. Moffett, 0

Mr. Stevenson, n.b., run out, 5

Mr. Winterbottom, n.b., b. Penny, 2

Pte. Alltimes, n.b., run out, 10

Lieut. Thomas, n.b., b. Rees, 10

Opl. Hill, n.b., b. Penny, 11

Mr. Phenstone, n.b., b. McDonald, 0

Penny, 15

Byes 6, leg byes 4, wides 3, 15

Wickets down, —1 for 6, 2 for 9, 3 for 9, 4 for 26, 5 for 37, 6 for 72, 7 for 97, 8 for 125, 9 for 137, and 10 for 148.

Second Innings.

Lieut. Newington, not out, 13

Mr. Wilson, b. Penny, 1

Mr. Thomas, thrown by Penny, 1

Pte. Alltimes, to go in, 0

Mr. Winterbottom, to go in, 0

Pte. Bain, 0

Pte. Stevenson, 0

Mr. Rees, b. Wilson, 0

Mr. McDonald, b. Wilson, 13

G. Skinner, b. Hawkins, 2

Lieut. Braithwaite, b. Stevenson, 10

Mr. Fraser, c. Thomas, b. Stevenson, 0

Mr. St. John, c. Thomas, b. Wilson, 5

Mr. Humphreys, not out, 14

Byes 5, leg byes 1, wides 4, 14

Wickets fell, —1 for 4, 2 for 18.

H. M. S. "CURACOA."

First Innings.

Mr. Spearman, n.b., b. Hawkins, 2

Lieut. Bouchier, b. Hawkins, 7

Mr. Penny, b. Hawkins, 3

Mr. Rees, b. Wilson, 0

A. McDonald, b. Hawkins, 13

G. Skinner, b. Hawkins, 2

Lieut. Braithwaite, b. Stevenson, 10

Mr. Fraser, c. Thomas, b. Stevenson, 0

Mr. St. John, c. Thomas, b. Wilson, 5

Mr. Humphreys, not out, 14

Byes 5, leg byes 1, wides 4, 14

Wickets fell, —1 for 4, 2 for 11, 3 for 14, 4 for 14, 5 for 17, 6 for 24, 7 for 43, 8 for 47, 9 for 51.

Second Innings.

Humphreys b. Stevenson, 4

Bourchier, b. Stevenson, 3

Spearman, b. Stevenson, 0

McDonald, b. Wilson, 13

Rees, b. Wilson, 0

Moffet, b. Newington, 24

McDonald, c. Wilson, b. Newington, 8

Skinner, c. Winterbottom, b. Stevenson, 0

Brenthave, b. Wilson, 0

St. John, not out, 9

Byes 7, leg byes 1, wides 1, 9

Total of both innings, 163

Wickets fell, —1 for 4, 2 for 11, 3 for 17, 4 for 23, 5 for 39, 6 for 55, 7 for 85, 8 for 87, 9 for 102.

The *Victor Emanuel*'s team is thus the winner by 7 runs and 8 wickets.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tomchoy, Acting Police Magistrate.)

Friday, 21st January.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Chu Ahuk, 23, marine hawker, remanded from the 17th inst. on a charge of stealing \$1.20 from Sung Ahing, a boatman, on the 19th inst., and also with unlawful possession of a purse, was again before the Court. Defendant made a rambling statement, denying the charge of theft and stating that the money was given him by his mother to buy goods for sale. Two previous convictions for larceny from the person were proved against the prisoner, and he was sentenced to be imprisoned for six months with hard labour.

THE LAST MURDER CASE.

Yong Ahing, 35, coolie, who was before the Court on the 18th inst. on a charge of cutting and wounding one Pang Ah, a coolie on the 18th inst., appeared on remand, and was now charged by Inspector Thompson, who is in charge of the Western District, with the murder of a man named Pang Ah, who died in the Government Civil Hospital on the afternoon of the 18th of this month from the effects of a wound inflicted on him by the defendant. The case was remanded to the 28th January.

KIDNAPING A WOMAN.

Lim Ahn, 43, hawker, who was charged on the 14th inst. with kidnaping a widow named Li Sun-m, out of the railway, and giving her to the keeper of a brothel against her will, appeared on remand.

Some further evidence was given by King Ahong, P. O. 192, who arrested the prisoner in 1st Prince Street, on the 18th inst., and defendant, reserving his defence, was committed for trial at the next sessions of the Supreme Court.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Chay, Acting Police Magistrate.)

Friday, 21st January.

UNLAWFUL USE OF A REGISTRATION TICKET.

Li Ahn, 45, milk-man, was charged by Mr. James Parker, clerk at the Magistrate's Office, with unlawfully using a Registration Certificate on the 21st inst. The certificate produced was that of one Lai Fook, who was defendant's brother, and defendant did not know that he could not use it. He was fined \$10, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

LARCENY BY A JINRIKISHA COOLIE.

To Kwai-ting, 23, chair coolie, was convicted of stealing \$1.80 from the person of H. A. Deltman, a seaman on the *U. S. S. Alert*. The prisoner was a Jinrikisha coolie, and appears to have taken the money from a Jinrikisha pocket while he was in the Jinrikisha asleep, complaint being a little drunk at the time. A gunner in the *R. A.* saw the affair and picked up one dollar and 10 cents, which had been thrown down by defendant when he was found out. Defendant was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

LARCENY DURING THE FIRE.

Sin Chingta, 26, coolie, appeared on remand from yesterday, on a charge of unlawful possession of a dressing case and two umbrellas on the 19th inst. The dressing case and one of the umbrellas were identified by two of the inmates of a brothel in East Street as their property; the defendant had run away with the things on the night of the fire, and had no authority to do so. The prisoner was convicted of larceny, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks at the scene of the offence for one hour.



